IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-8, and 10-12 as follows.

1. (Original) A communication system comprising:

a multimedia network comprising an information storage entity for storing user information and call state control function entities;

an entity that is external to the multimedia network and arranged to subscribe to the multimedia network for notifications regarding events that associate with at least one other entity of the communication system, the arrangement being such that

subscription messages from the external entity are routed to at least one call state control function entity based on information stored in said information storage entity,

said at least one call state control function entity is provided with storage means for storing information received in said subscription messages, and

said at least one call state control function entity sends a notification in response to an event defined by said information stored at the storage means.

2. (Original) A communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the subscription messages are routed to the at least one call state control function entity via the information storage entity.

3. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the multimedia network comprises an IP multimedia subsystem.

4. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the information stored at the information storage entity contains information regarding those call state control function entities the external entity can subscribe to.

5. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the notification is sent to the external entity.

6. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the information storage entity comprises a home subscriber server.

7. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the call state control function entity comprises a serving call state control function entity.

8. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the external entity comprises an application server.

9. (Original) A communication system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the application server is a presence server.

10. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the external entity comprises a user equipment.

11. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one other entity comprises a user equipment.

12. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the system operates in accordance with a session initiation protocol (SIP), and the events are events of that protocol.

13. (Original) A communication system as claimed in claim 12 wherein the subscription message comprises a SIP SUBSCRIBE message, and the notification comprises a SIP NOTIFY message.

14. (Original) A method for sending notifications in a communication system comprising a multimedia network, an entity that is external to the multimedia network and at least one other entity, the multimedia network including an information storage entity and call state control function entities, the method comprising:

subscribing by the external entity to the multimedia network for notifications regarding events associated with the at least one other entity;

routing of subscription messages from the external entity to at least one call state control function entity based on information stored in said information storage entity;

storing in storage means associated with said at least one call state control function entity information received in said subscription messages; and

sending a notification by the call state control function in response to an event defined by said information stored at the storage means.